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GEN. ROBERTS PRAISES CANADIANS.

FOUGHT CRONJE

TO LAST GASP

MATINEE GIRLS

CHEER "SAPHO."

Commissioner Hess Will Stop  
the Performance To-Night If  
He Considers It Indecent.

**MISS NETHERSOLE'S OFFENSE  
AND ITS PUNISHMENT.**

Miss Nethersole is charged with a misde-  
meanor, the punishment for which is:  
**IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR,**  
OR  
**A FINE OF \$500,**  
OR  
**BOTH THE IMPRISONMENT AND THE FINE.**

Below the doors of Webster's were  
gathered for the matinee performance of  
"Sapho" today the crowd outside was  
as thick with men and women that  
a crowd of policemen was kept busy  
maintaining a clear way. It was a  
typical holiday crowd, of well-dressed  
persons, including a great number of  
matinee girls.

At 1 o'clock the management posted  
the sign "No More Money Taken."  
When the audience got their money,  
Cronje's cash sold as high as \$5 while  
general admission went from \$2.50 to \$5.  
The theatre was crowded to suffocation.

The play was given without interrup-  
tion. When Miss Nethersole made her  
entrance in the first act she was re-  
ceived with a demonstration of cheers  
and handclapping which lasted two or  
three minutes. She was visibly nervous  
and seemed affected by her reception.

Thomas Mayer said he believed she  
would not be compelled to appear in the  
police court to-morrow, and that arrange-  
ments to that end were under way  
with Lawyer Hunsman.

**HESS MAY STOP SHOW.**

Police Commissioner Hess may stop  
"Sapho" to-night. He is going to Wel-  
ster's Theatre to see if the play in  
which Miss Nethersole plays the title  
role is as wicked as it is alleged. If the  
Commissioner believes it to be an im-  
moral show he will order the police to  
stop the play.

"I am in what Mr. Hess has to say  
about 'Sapho'."

"Until today I did not think that  
"Sapho" was nearly so bad as it has been  
portrayed. Most of my friends who had  
seen it did not criticize the play itself,  
but seemed to think that the acting  
bordered on the suggestive. Yesterday,  
however, when the warrants were served  
out for Miss Nethersole, her manager  
and Mr. Hess, I decided that there must  
be something improper about the play.

"I believe I will go to see it to-  
night and see for myself what the im-  
propriety is."

HAS AGUINALDO

ESCAPED TO JAPAN?



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pany, New York World.  
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**HONG KONG, British**  
China, Feb. 22.—U. S.  
Consul Wildman has in-  
formation that three  
members of the Filipino  
Junta, Luban, Ponce and  
Agoncillo, brother of the  
Envoy, left recently for  
Japan to meet Aguinaldo.

This gives credence to  
the story that Aguinaldo  
escaped from the island

of Luzon to Formosa,  
when hunted by Gen.  
Lawton's expedition  
through the northern part  
of the island.

Nothing has been heard of Aguinal-  
do since the dispersion of his army  
was reported by Gen. Otia. His wife  
and child were captured, and fre-  
quently our troops were close on his  
heels, but he always succeeded in  
evading them.

His whereabouts have been a mys-  
tery which has puzzled the Adminis-  
tration at Washington, and it is felt  
that as long as he is at large Aguinal-  
do will be a menace to peace in the  
Philippines.

HEAVY LOSSES SUSTAINED

BY BOTH BRITON AND BOER.

**10 P.M. EXTRA**

**HARRY MINER DIES**  
**SUDDENLY OF APOPLEXY.**

Harry Miner, the theatrical manager and ex-Congressman, died sud-  
denly of apoplexy at 4 o'clock this afternoon in his home, 40 Riverside  
Drive. Mrs. Miner was with him at the time. They were about to go  
out for a drive when Mr. Miner fell dead in the vestibule of the house.

**CONTRACTORS WILL FIGHT BARREN ISLAND BILL**

ALBANY, Feb. 22.—The Barren Island bill, introduced by Senator  
Wagner, was reported out to-day. A hearing was set for next Tuesday,  
and the stipulation made that it should not lose its place on the calen-  
dar. The bill provides that the cities refuse must be disposed of by the  
total redemption process, which permits of no profit to the contractors  
from products obtained during the operation.

The bill will be fought by the friends of the contractors, who make  
a lot of money under the existing methods.

**MONUMENT NOT UNVEILED**

A big throng that gathered at Manhattan and Morningside avenues  
last afternoon to see the Washington-Lafayette monument unveiled, was  
disappointed. All the details had not been arranged and the unveiling  
was postponed.

**DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION ON JULY 4**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The Democratic National Committee de-  
cided this afternoon to hold the National Convention on July 4, at  
Kansas City, Mo.

**HERE FROM KIMBERLEY.**

Miss Kummer, miniature painter,  
who was with Cecil  
Rhodes, arrives.

The steamship Teutonic arrived in port  
this afternoon, a day and a half behind  
schedule time.

The Teutonic carries a most distin-  
guished passenger in the person of Miss  
Amelia Kummer, the famous miniature  
painter. Miss Kummer is returning from  
Kimberley, South Africa. She was there  
to paint a miniature of Cecil Rhodes.  
She returned yesterday.

and left Kimberley just as the war-  
clouds were settling over the Transvaal.  
She has doubtless reserved some vivid  
impressions on the situation in South  
Africa.

Miss Kummer has painted miniatures  
of the Prince of Wales, the Czar and  
Czarina of Russia and many other  
famous personages.

NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR IT.

Arrangements for this evening will be re-  
served in our American Theatre. Miss Kummer  
will paint a miniature of Cecil Rhodes. Cecil  
Rhodes. Did a miniature of Cecil Rhodes.

LONDON, Feb. 22, 10 P. M.—No  
news from the seat of war has been  
received at the War Office since this  
afternoon, but a quiet feeling of con-  
fidence prevails that Lord Roberts  
has Gen. Cronje and his force in his  
grasp.

The following dispatch from Gen.  
Roberts was posted at 4 o'clock:

"The Boer reinforcements have  
been driven off in all directions, leav-  
ing many killed and wounded."

Gen. Cronje is surrounded by Lord  
Roberts's troops, but has been fight-  
ing desperately since Sunday morn-  
ing. This five days' battle is describ-  
ed as "the costliest of the war."

On Monday Cronje asked for an  
armistice, but this was refused, and  
500 guns shelled his laager at Paar-  
deberg Drift.

The Boers admit losses in Sunday's

all-day fight of 500 men; the British  
losses were about the same.

Cronje was shelled all day Tuesday,  
and on Wednesday the British cap-  
tured a laager and took 500 Boer pri-  
soners.

Cronje has about 10,000 men with  
him and Lord Roberts is believed to  
have about 30,000 in the present op-  
erations. The Boers have 1,500 wag-  
ons, with which they have encircled  
their camp.

The country where the battle is be-  
ing fought is fairly level. The hills are  
small and more rolling than pre-  
vious.

1.37 P. M.—A special dispatch from  
Paardeberg, dated Wednesday, Feb.  
21, says:

"Commandant Botha has been at-  
tempting to relieve Gen. Cronje.  
There has been severe fighting. Gen.  
Botha's force is scattered, with heavy  
losses."

**REPORT OF BOER DEFEAT.**

LONDON, Feb. 22—4.17 P. M.—The  
War Office has received from Lord  
Roberts the following message, which  
was delayed in transmission, dated  
Paardeberg, Wednesday, Feb. 21:

"Yesterday afternoon I was sat-  
isfied, by a careful reconnaissance in  
force of the enemy's position, that I  
could not assault it without very  
heavy loss, which I was most anxious  
to avoid. Accordingly, I decided to  
bombard him with artillery and turn  
my attention to the enemy's rein-

forcements. The result was most sat-  
isfactory.

"The Boers were driven off in all  
directions, losing a good many killed  
and wounded and about 500 prison-  
ers, who say they arrived from Ladys-  
mith two days ago by rail. They  
also say it was our artillery fire  
which caused them to abandon the  
hope they were occupying. Our  
loss was two officers, Capt. Campbell,  
of the Ninth Lancers, and Lieut.  
Houston, of the Artillery, and four  
men, all slightly wounded."

**PRAISES CANADIAN PLUCK.**

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 22.—Lord Minto,  
the Governor-General, has received the  
following message from Lord Roberts:

"PAARDEBERG, Orange Free State,  
Feb. 21.

"The Canadian regiment has done ad-

mirable service since its arrival in South  
Africa. I deeply regret the heavy loss  
it suffered during the fight on the 20th  
inst., and beg you will assure the men  
how much we all have admired the con-  
spicuous gallantry displayed by our Can-  
adian comrades on that occasion."

**PAARDEBERG DRIFT BATTLE.**

PAARDEBERG DRIFT, Orange  
Free State, Tuesday, Feb. 20.—Via the  
Modder River, Wednesday, Feb. 21.—  
One of the costliest actions of the  
war occurred at Paardeberg Drift  
Sunday, Feb. 18. Gen. Kelly-Kenny,  
in his pursuit of Gen. Cronje, caught

his rear guard at Killy Drift and de-  
stroyed the baggage to the Boers laager  
at Koodoosrand.

The drift action began at daylight,  
the mounted infantry driving the  
Boer rear guard up the steep slope of  
the main battle line.